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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
FOR WEEK ENDING 05-Jul-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 07/05/03	PREVIOUS WEEK 06/28/03
BRO-FRY	144,122	167,981
LT HENS	1,110	1,606
HVY HENS	1,220	1,601

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA  
WEEK ENDING 28-Jun-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD			
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS	121	0	121
LAST WEEK	287	14	301
SAME WEEK YR AGO	263	0	263
TO-DATE/2003	6,523	100	6,623
TO-DATE/2002	8,483	38	8,521

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD			
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS	1,595	1,544	3,139
LAST WEEK	1,851	1,610	3,461
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,835	1,582	3,417
TO-DATE/2003	49,391	35,412	84,803
TO-DATE/2002	55,558	34,971	90,529

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
WEEK ENDING 28-Jun-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	165,296	1,474	1,544	3,018
AVG WT	5.37	3.62	8.11	5.92
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	159,714	1,564	1,596	3,160
SAME WK YR AGO	162,191	1,572	1,582	3,154
AVG WT	5.22	3.37	8.17	5.78
TO-DATE/2003	3,949,223	42,868	35,312	78,180
TO-DATE/2002	4,020,010	47,075	34,933	82,008

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 160.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 167.3 million head or 6.9 million head more than or 104% of estimated fryers available.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 03-Jul-03**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	28,595	20,694	53,856
Avg Weight	3.83	4.71	6.77
% of total /1	28%	20%	52%

COMPARISONS

Last week	27,218	19,252	56,439
Avg Weight	3.82	4.76	5.84
% of total /1	26%	19%	55%

Same week, yr ago /2	19,836	23,764	46,047
Avg Weight	3.56	4.78	6.07
% of total /1	22%	27%	51%

To date/2003	615,503	578,798	1,147,838
To date/2002	726,008	612,808	1,177,087

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 28-Jun-2003  
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,086	2,981	51	9	5,127
AVG WT	16.33	35.92	24.98	28.82	27.83
HEAD SLTR COMPARIONS					
LAST WEEK	2,003	2,872	67	31	4,973
SAME WK YR AGO	1,975	2,826	81	17	4,899
AVG WT	16.77	35.43	24.56	28.27	27.70
TO-DATE/2003	47,136	70,526	1,595	380	119,637
TO-DATE/2002	47,077	69,382	1,208	205	117,872

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.

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